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3258 W. Industrial Loop
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
c/o Amidy Fuson
Resource Specialist Sr., Navigable Waters

Re: Opposition to Commercial Navigational Encroachment Permit Application ERL9551378B – North Idaho Maritime/John Condon

We are not habitually opposed to development on the east side of Lake Coeur d'Alene, however we are strongly opposed to this specific petition. We believe this project will not only create significant dangers to: persons and vehicles on the roadway, wildlife habitat, aquatic life, visiting bald eagles and recreational opportunities; it will also create the worse eyesore on the entirety of Lake Coeur d'Alene which we understand your agency is charged with protecting.

What Mr. Condon has done is purchase a large piece of property with only approximately one-quarter acre of usable lake frontage on a blind corner on a narrow 2-lane highway which is the beginning of a "scenic byway" around the east portion of Lake Coeur d'Alene. This proposed project undoubtedly will not be able to store unsightly building materials on unobservable land as is the case with some other dock building locations. They have to be stored over the water in order for him to have them available to supply his business. That is apparently why he has proposed to construct an enormous dock jutting well out into the lake constituting the absolute eyesore addressed earlier.

This business and all of these unsightly materials will not only be observable by every vehicle traveling east or west on Interstate 90 to and from Coeur d'Alene it is also attached to Highway 97 and the beginning of what has been designated as a scenic byway around the lake. That is why we believe it will create the worst eyesore on the entire lake observable by more of the citizens of this county and users of the lake than any other dock facility serving homeowners and the boating public on the lake. We believe that any approval of this project will be an affront to the citizens of Kootenai County, contrary to the stated mission of the Idaho Department of Lands and would be the worst blackmark in the history of the agency. We say any development because Mr. Condon does not have the available land to make virtually anything profitably work without ruining the beauty and viability of Wolf Lodge Bay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We will continue to monitor the process.

Respectfully,


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